

# Investigation of Rural Housing Need in Whittington & Fisherwick Parish



Whittington & Fisherwick

## Purpose of the Housing Needs Survey

The countryside is an important asset for all of us and there is a general desire that it should be protected. However, the rise in house prices over the last decade has meant that the social mix of rural communities is under threat. The loss of council housing through the Right to Buy Scheme has also had an impact. Many households, including those on above average incomes, are no longer able to afford to stay in their village and many villages are becoming the preserve of the rich and/or the elderly.

The purpose of this survey is to assess levels of housing need in Whittington & Fisherwick Parish. As such, the questions asked, particularly in Part 2 of the questionnaire, relate to the types, sizes and tenures of properties required. Part 2 should only be completed by those household members who need to find a home in the parish now or in the next five years. There is no assumption that there is a need for additional housing within the parish at the present time, but if a future need is identified the Parish Council will seek to use the results to influence development.

**This survey comes in three parts and seeks to collect basic information about you and the people who live with you.**

Please complete Part 1 and Part 3. Only complete Part 2 if you, or a family member, need to find a new home in the parish now, or in the next five years. We are interested in finding out the need for all types of housing. So, if you think you will need a new home, whether you wish to purchase on the open market, or purchase on a part rent/part buy basis, or need rented accommodation, we would like to hear from you.

If more than one member of your household is in housing need or is

hoping to move within the next five years we can send out another form. Please contact Midlands Rural Housing on 01530 278 080.

Midlands Rural Housing is independently conducting the survey on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. MRH will analyse the results of this survey. Any information or comments may be included in our analysis but your identity will not be revealed and we will ensure that readers of any report will not be able to identify you.

# Part 1: General Information

## 1. Which category best describes your household? (please tick one box only)

- One person household
- Two parent family
- Couple
- Lone Parent family
- Other—please specify.....  
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## 2. Please complete the table below for all those currently living in your household

	Male/ Female	Age	Relationship to you (eg husband, daughter)
You			
Person 1			
Person 2			
Person 3			
Person 4			
Person 5			

## 3. Which of the following best describes your current accommodation?

- Own your own home outright
- Own your home with a mortgage
- Renting from the Council
- Renting from a Housing Association
- In shared ownership with a Housing Association
- Renting from a private landlord
- Living with parents or relatives
- In housing tied to your job
- Lodging with another household
- Other (please explain).....  
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## 4. Do you live in? (Please tick one box only)

- House
- Flat
- Bungalow
- Park Home or Caravan
- Other—please specify.....  
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**5. How many bedrooms do you have? (Please indicate below)**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6 or more

**6. How long have you lived in this Parish?**

- Less than 2 years
- 2 - 5 years
- 5 - 10 years
- Over 10 years

**7. Please tell us what type of housing you think is needed in the parish**

- No further homes are needed
- Homes for young people
- Small family homes (1-2 bedrooms)
- Large family homes (3+ bedrooms)
- Homes for single people
- Homes for elderly people
- Homes for people with disabilities
- Other—please specify.....  
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**8. Does anyone living with you now need to set up home separately from you in the parish now or within 5 years?**

- Yes                       No

Have any former members of your household left this village/parish over the last 5 years?

- Yes                       No

If **yes**, how many people?

If **yes**, was this

- To take up employment elsewhere
- Marriage or separation
- Due to the lack of affordable housing
- To go to university or college
- Other—please specify.....  
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**9. Would you support building a small number of homes in this Parish if they would help to meet the needs of local people?**

- Yes                       No

If **no**, please briefly explain your concerns

## Part 2: Your Housing Requirements

### 10. Housing need:

**Are you in need of another home in this Parish?**

- Yes, now
- Yes, within 12 months
- Yes, within three years
- Yes, within 5 years
- No. Please go to Part 3

The following information is only required if you would like to be considered for housing. All questions relate to the person requiring housing. If more than one person requires housing, additional forms can be requested from Midlands Rural Housing - 01530 278080



### 11. Reason for Housing Need (Please tick all that apply)

- First independent home
- Present home too small
- Present home too expensive
- Need permanent accommodation
- Renting, but would like to buy
- Disabled, need specially adapted home
- To be closer to employment
- Couple setting up home together
- Present home too large
- Family break up
- Cannot manage stairs
- Moved away but wish to return
- To be closer to parent or other family member
- Present home in poor condition
- Other—please specify.....

### 12. Are you registered on any of the following lists?

	Yes	No
Lichfield DC Choice Based Lettings Scheme	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing Association Register	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private Lettings Agency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 13. Your Details

Name

Address

Tel No.

Mobile

Date of Birth

### 14. Connection to village

I was born/grew up here

I currently work here

Close family live here

I live here now

I am starting a job here

Other—please specify \_\_\_\_\_

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### Are you a former resident of this parish that wishes to return?

Yes  No

If yes please tell us why you originally left

### 15. Type of Housing - What would best suit your housing need?

Buying on the open market

Privately renting

Shared ownership (part rent, part buy)

Renting from the Council

Renting from a Housing Association

### What type of home do you need? (Please tick)

Bedrooms	House	Bungalow	Flat
1 Bed			
2 Bed			
3 Bed			
4 Bed			
5+ Bed			

The answers you give to the following questions will help us assess how much you could afford to pay for any new housing. Any information you give will be kept strictly confidential.

### 16. Your Employment:

How many people in the household wishing to move are; (Please indicate the number of people in each category in the appropriate box)

- Working full time
- Working part time
- Unemployed
- Retired
- In full time or further education
- Claiming Benefit
- Claiming Job Seeker's Allowance
- Incapacity Benefit
- Other—please specify.....  
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### 17. Your Income

Please indicate the annual income of the household wishing to move.

Please use joint income where appli-

- Below £14,999
- £15,000 - £19,999
- £20,000 - £29,999
- £30,000 - £39,999
- £40,000 - £49,999
- £50,000 - £59,000
- £60,000 - £69,999
- £70,000 - £79,999
- Over £80,000

### 18. Your Savings

Do you have any savings or equity which could be used towards the purchase of a home?

- No Savings
- Under £4,999
- £5,000 - £9,999
- £10,000 - £19,999
- £20,000 - £29,000
- Over £30,000

## Part 3: Life in your Village and Monitoring

### 19. Which of the following best describes your village?

- Sought after location
- Nice place to live
- Balanced and varied population
- Friendly atmosphere/community spirit

### 20. Do you feel that the village suffers from the following?

- Crime
- Anti-social behaviour
- Lack of facilities

If you ticked any of the boxes to question 20, what would you like to see happen to improve the situation?

### 21. Do you feel there is a lack of adequate housing within the village?

- Yes  No

If you answered **YES**, what types of homes do you think are needed?

For additional forms please contact Midlands Rural Housing:-

Tel: 01530 278 080

Email: [enquiries@midlandsrural.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@midlandsrural.org.uk)

Thank you for your time and for completing this questionnaire.

Please return with the pre paid envelope provided.

**CLOSING DATE: 22nd February 2016**